

GERMANY FORCED TO FIGHT ALONE

AUSTRIA SEEKS WAY TO BREAK ALLIANCE NOT HOPING TO WIN

STRIKES AND RIOTS FREQUENT

Food Dictator Rounds Up Reserves in Private Homes—Not Even Humblest Workers Overlooked in Food Search.

London.—Reports of significant doings in Austria-Hungary are reaching London from the continent, and an article from a correspondent explains the happenings. He says:

Berlin alarmed by Emperor Charles' promise to summon Austro-Hungarian reichstag "as the revival of parliamentary life is of extreme importance." It is expected that peace will be the principal issue before the parliament and Berlin sees in this the collapse of the great project for a German Middle Europe.

The summoning of the reichstag following Premier Tisza's resignation has caused consternation in Berlin, according to news reaching London. Secret agreement between Russian and German Socialists for an armistice pending a peace agreement reported in Amsterdam dispatches.

London.—Ten thousand strikers, mostly munition workers, have tried to burn the town hall at Magdeburg, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, from Oldenzaal, Switzerland. Soldiers fired on the rioters killing and wounding many, and the town now is under martial law and in a state of siege.

Magdeburg is the capital of the Prussian province of Saxony and one of the strongest fortresses in the German empire. It is 76 miles from Berlin and is the seat of important steel works and machine shops, forming part of the great Krupp works. The city had a population in 1900 of 229,663.

The Hague.—In view of the serious situation in Germany, the food dictator has again ordered a complete search and house-to-house round-up of all private food reserves in towns, villages and hamlets of the whole of Germany. Commissioners, with Berlin reservists, descended on farms and the farmsteads, and even those with waste lands, and searched all buildings and outhouses, not neglecting even the humblest cottages.

ADVERTISING LOWERS COSTS

Convention of Ad Men in St. Louis to Discuss Cheapening Prices of Products.

St. Louis.—Lowell E. Pratt, New York, chairman of the program committee of the Associated Advertising Clubs convention in St. Louis, June 3 to 7, announces that some of the biggest men in the country will take part in the convention in the discussion of the central thought: "Advertising lowers cost of distribution."

The convention program will be built along lines that will refute the idea that advertising adds to selling costs. On the other hand, there will be scores of examples to show that advertising really cheapens the price of a product.

"There are still some people," said Mr. Pratt, "who believe that advertising adds to the cost of things, but everyone acquainted with the facts knows this is not true. We know that advertising pays for itself and more by saving other expenses which would be greater if advertising were not used. At the St. Louis convention we will have facts and figures from some of the biggest firms in the country to show that advertising has not only helped them, but the public, too."

RAILROADS WORK ON PLANS

Ready for Instant Service When Called—Executive Committee Appoints Many Supervisors.

New York City.—Plans for mobilization of the railroads of the United States for war service were worked out by the American Railway Association. The executive committee, presided over by Fairfax Harrison, announced that a general committee will be appointed to conduct the entire work. The members will be chosen from the executive officers of the principal roads in the country. One member probably will be named from each of the six military districts.

This committee will be divided into subcommittees on car service, military equipment standards, transportation, accounting and freight tariffs.

David Montgomery Dead. Chicago, Ill.—David Montgomery, the comedian, who has been ill in a Chicago hospital for more than a month is dead. He was a partner in the famous team of Montgomery & Sloop.

War Pay \$1 Per Month. New York.—Frederick P. Keppel, dean of Columbia University, started to earn \$1 a month in the service of the government. He volunteered and has been appointed an assistant secretary of war.

New insignia for Flyers. Paris.—All the airplanes used by the American escadrille are now being painted with a distinctive insignia on each wing, consisting of a red circle and a blue star on a white field.

Arizona Town Asks for Help. Phoenix, Ariz.—Citizens of Gila Bend have appealed to Gov. Campbell for protection against bands of Mexicans who are looting towns in that vicinity. One man has been slain by the raiders.

FIRST AID IN BUREAU OF MINES



The wives and daughters of more than a million miners will be given an opportunity to take the bureau of mines first-aid course. Women employees of the bureau and the wives and daughters of the male employees are taking the first course ever devised for women, their instructor being Dr. W. A. Lynott, surgeon of the bureau (shown at the left of the picture). The bureau has trained 30,000 miners and is preparing women to meet war conditions.

AUSTRIAN DIET TO MEET CHANGE FOR T. R.'S ARMY

MONARCH GRANTS REQUEST OF GERMAN SYMPATHIZERS.

Needs of State Have Been Relegated to Background, While Nation Has Been at War.

Amsterdam, Holland.—A dispatch from Vienna says that Emperor Charles has granted an audience to leaders of the German party in Austria, in the presence of Premier Clemens, Herr Weisskerchner, upper burgomaster of Vienna, spoke of the loyalty of the Germans who he said would do everything to procure for parliament, which must be summoned quickly, the capacity and opportunity to do its proper work. He added: "But we cannot suppress our deep appreciation that owing to urgent reasons peremptory necessities of state which concern the whole of Austria have been relegated to the background."

The speaker entreated the emperor to take these necessities of state into consideration and by accepting the view of the German party "give us the possibility of dissipating the fears which are arising among the population."

Emperor Charles replied: "I assure you that I fully appreciate the seriousness and actuality of your political efforts. Germans in Austria may be assured that they possess my confidence."

"It is my intention to summon parliament shortly. Revival of parliamentary life at this moment, after years of suspension, is of extraordinary importance. I expect all parties will collaborate in harmony, thereby creating conditions propitious for the happy future of Austria."

CENSORSHIP NOT SO DRASTIC

Sting Taken From Espionage Measure in the Senate—President's Rules Must Be Reasonable.

Washington, D. C.—After holding back defense legislation in the senate for three days the press censorship provision of the espionage bill was markedly amended to meet the storm of criticism it had aroused in both houses and throughout the country.

On motion of Senator Reed an amendment was adopted providing that the president's regulations governing the subject must be "reasonable," and on motion of Senator Smith of Georgia restrictions were removed against collecting, recording, communicating or attempting to elicit information regarding the national defenses.

From a constitutional point of view some senators think the provision as amended is still faulty.

But as a practical matter the provisions of the measure are much softened.

TEXANS DISARM ALL ALIENS

Germans and Mexicans at El Paso Must Give Up Weapons to Military Police.

El Paso, Texas.—Disarmament of all German subjects and 12,000 Mexicans in El Paso suspected of pro-German sympathies, was begun yesterday by the military police. Wagon loads of arms and ammunition were turned over by German residents.

The decision to disarm the Mexicans was reached after a joint conference between the military authorities and local officials. Many of the Mexican residents are former Villistas.

Slaughter the Enemy. Chicago.—They're talking about forming a butchers' brigade at the stock yards. Noon recruiting rallies have started there.

Enemy Aliens Can Enter. Washington.—Rules for the admission of enemy aliens during the war, announced, require that their applications be passed upon by both the immigration service and the department of justice.

Potato Eyes to Be Saved. Columbus, O.—Following a conference between Gov. Cox and Columbus hotel proprietors, it was announced that the hotels in future will save the eyes of potatoes for planting purposes.

1,000 Planes for Allies. New York.—One thousand airplanes with three machine guns to each aviator in the New York Aero Club's idea of helping the allies quickly. This suggestion has been sent to the president.

Uniform Dress as Saving. New York.—A national uniform dress for women to save one billion dollars a year during the war is the suggestion of the Camp Fire Girls as their contribution for the coming war.

MILITARY MEN OPPOSE, BUT CONGRESS LIKES IDEA

Nation Needs the Thrill Which Rough Rider and Men Men Alone Could Give.

Washington, D. C.—Despite all administration attempts to annihilate it, the Roosevelt division idea is holding its ground. It is the most formidable obstacle in the path of conscription. While the word was passed that semi-officially at the war department, betting favors the Roosevelt division, betting favors the Roosevelt division, betting favors the Roosevelt division.

It is admitted that the president is strongly opposed to the Roosevelt division. Friends of the colonel insist that the Wilson objection is predicated upon the political possibility likely to ensue when Teddy comes marching home.

Administration backers ridicule this idea and say that Roosevelt, who is on record as favoring selective conscription, is doing more to block conscription by his talk of a volunteer division than any other single factor. They admit that Roosevelt could probably smash all speed records in raising a division. They say that the Roosevelt agitation is playing right into the hands of congressmen who prefer the volunteer system because of the chance it offers to play politics by awarding commissions.

In house and senate there is strong support of the Roosevelt idea. Many Republicans and Democrats feel that the nation needs a thrill and a focusing point for its latent patriotism.

The idea is general that, given half a chance, T. R. will furnish thrills and enthusiasm sufficient to make possible the acceptance of the conscription idea without half the friction it will otherwise develop.

GERMAN TAKE ALLIES' FUNDS. Force Belgian Firms to Liquidate and Turn Proceeds Over to Bank of Germany.

Washington, D. C.—The German military governor of Belgium is forcing liquidation of certain Belgian business firms and has gone so far as to order them to turn into the bank of the German empire the amount of all accounts held by French and English citizens.

This newest abuse of international law by the German government was made public by the state department in giving out the correspondence in the matter.

A warning by the Belgian government that neutral and allied powers should warn their nationals against the possible consequences that might arise through transactions with "agents without valid power (the Germans)" also was sounded.

FIX RUSS-GERMAN ARMISTICE. Rumor Comes by Way of South America That Separate Peace Is Pending.

Buenos Aires, Brazil.—A cipher message received by the Spanish legation at Rio de Janeiro declares Russia and Germany have signed an armistice, according to a dispatch from the Brazilian capital.

The round-about rumor of an armistice between Germany and Russia via Spanish diplomatic channels in South America was not taken very seriously. It was suggested that it might have originated through certain strong German influences in Rio known to be in close touch with the pro-German party in Spain.

War Saves Soldier. Chicago.—"This is no time to be sending faithful soldiers to jail," remarked Federal Judge Landis, as he sentenced Orlando Banks to two hours' imprisonment for filing claims for dependency pay in the army after he had left his wife.

Call to Doctors. London.—The war cabinet decided that every physician and surgeon and every man with medical training of military age must be called up for service immediately.

Roads File New Rates. Washington.—The interstate commerce commission has issued an order permitting transcontinental lines to file schedules containing a 15 per cent increase in freight rates.

Pacifists Hold Fort. New York.—Pacifists are still holding their fort in New York. The owners of the building where they are entrenched has refused to bust them because the petition didn't have sufficient number of signers.

WOULD GIVE FARM TO WAR REFUGEE

MISSOURI EFFORT TO INCREASE PRODUCTION IS BEARING FRUIT.

TO PAY SALARY FIRST YEAR

E. A. Haycraft Willing to Let Stricken Family Take Over Domain in Marion County—Bureau Offers Help.

Jefferson City, Mo. The call of Missouri to Belgium refugees of Europe to come to this state and till the fertile fields is bearing fruit.

Commissioner William H. Lewis of the bureau of labor statistics, has received a communication from E. A. Haycraft of the Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kan., in which he makes the announcement that he has a Missouri farm that he will turn over to a deserving thirty European refugee family for cultivation. Mr. Haycraft outlines his plan as follows, after stating that the farm he offers is in Marion County, not far from Hannibal.

"My plan is to furnish the refugee family a home and pay a stated salary the first year, and later to work out a system of profit sharing. If you can furnish me with the address of any person interested in locating such a family I will appreciate it very much."

Orders were issued by the bureau of labor statistics to the free employment agencies at St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph to lay the offer before the Belgian consuls in their cities and enlist the services of these officials in supplying a refugee family to accept this proposition of Mr. Haycraft.

Similar services will be rendered by the bureau of labor statistics to others owning Missouri farms or lands which they themselves cannot till, and who are anxious to secure foreigners to do this work for them, either for pay or on a profit sharing basis.

Inspector Reappointed. Governor Gardner announced the reappointment of George Hill of Beaver as state mine inspector. Hill had not annoyed the governor by soliciting appointment for himself or for any one else.

"I have heard nothing but good reports concerning Mr. Hill," said the governor, "and he is the kind of man I am looking for. A large number of persons have applied to me for this job."

Hill was appointed by Governor Major in April, 1912. He receives \$2,000 a year and expenses.

Suspends Rates.

The public service commission on its own motion, and as a complete surprise to Missouri railroad officials suspended indefinitely for further investigation the increased passenger fares which it authorized in November, 1910.

This investigation will be launched May 1 at a hearing to be held in Jefferson City.

The general prosperity of the roads and the fact that adjacent states are enjoying a recent fare are the reasons assigned by the commission for its reversal of position.

The rates suspended were 2 1/2 cents a mile for one way tickets and 2 1/2 cents for round trip rates. The present rate is 2 cents.

Sanatorium Board. Governor Gardner has appointed four members of the board of managers of the State Sanatorium for the Treatment of Tuberculosis at Mount Vernon, each to serve for a term expiring April 12, 1921. They are Loren Seneker of Mount Vernon, Dr. A. P. Collier of Mountain Grove, Dr. C. T. Dusenbury of Monett and S. H. Miner of Aurora.

Good Roads Meet. Two hundred and fifty advocates of good roads attended a meeting for to boom good roads for this district, which comprises 18 counties. The meeting was one of a series to be held under the auspices of the state highway commission. Commissioners E. L. Sanford of Springfield, George E. McAnich of St. Joseph, C. O. Rains of Canton and A. C. McKibbin of Clayton were in charge of the meeting.

J. C. Wonders of Omaha, federal engineer of public roads, explained how the government expects to spend \$2,500,000 in this state in the next five years promoting better highways.

Asked to Provide Seeds. Governor Gardner has received several letters asking that steps be taken at the farm conference to provide ways for supplying farmers with free seed. One of the serious drawbacks to increasing food supplies in Missouri is the unusually high price of potatoes, beans, grains and garden seeds. Persons of limited means have not been able to get the quantities required, and they are asking that some measures be adopted looking to the financing of ways to supply seeds.

War Supplies. In a large brick building within the walls of Missouri's state penitentiary hundreds of convicts have been employed in the last two years in turning out war supplies for the armies of France and Russia.

This fact became known when Warden Painter announced that the state had taken over the operation of the Sullivan Saddletree Company, a private contracting concern, which with convict labor has for the last two years been busy filling orders from the French and Russians.

State Plant Short of Supply.

Missouri farmers may expect to pay a high price for binding, twice this year. The penitentiary here will be able to supply only a small fraction of what the farmers will need. Warden Painter of the penitentiary stated that he did not believe the prison shop would be able to turn out more than 5,000 pounds of twice this season.

Sisal, the fabric from which the binder twine is made, should have been purchased last summer when it could have been obtained at a low price. Now it costs 15 cents or more per pound.

The supply is supposed to be controlled by a trust which the government is now seeking to prosecute. Most of the supply comes from Mexico. The warden says it would be impossible to purchase the raw material at the present price and compete with outside manufacturers who get their material at 4 cents.

The prison plant was established under the administration of Governor Dockery, in the hope that its output, supplied to farmers at the cost of production would forever prevent them from being overcharged by the large outside producers. The system has worked well, until the last administration, which permitted the stocks of raw materials to run down to almost nothing.

Names Successor to Fricke. Governor Gardner announced the appointment of Dr. H. L. Barnhouse of Ironton, state food and drug inspector to succeed F. H. Fricke and H. Dickbrader of Washington, state food inspector to succeed Inspector Dillard.

The governor at one time considered the appointment of Dickbrader as warden of the state prison. He was an "original" Gardner man.

Testimony in 2c Fare Case. In Missouri's test suit against the Burlington Railroad to compel the refunding by rail lines of the excess fares collected while a suit for lower fare was pending, the supreme court has appointed a commissioner to take testimony.

Between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 is involved and it is expected that the investigation will require several months.

Enjoys Ball Game. The honor system, launched at the state prison a few weeks ago by Warden Painter, was given another test Saturday afternoon when 2,500 prisoners were given a half holiday and enjoyed themselves at a ball game in the big prison yard.

The board of welfare, a body of prisoners, took charge of the outing. The men, however, had no occasion to exert their authority as there was not the slightest occurrence to mar the occasion.

Warden Painter announced that 90 acres of land in the Missouri river bottoms opposite Jefferson City, had been leased and that convicts would be used to cultivate the tract.

Explains Veto.

It is said that Governor Gardner vetoed the \$50,000 appropriation for the blind commission because he looked upon the St. Louis institution as a private enterprise operated by rich men who had received credit for the work and now wished to "unload" it upon the state. The commission for the blind was created by the forty-eighth general assembly, which set aside \$12,500 for its support on condition that a like sum be subscribed by private contributors. The \$50,000 appropriation of this year had no such provision.

Inquiry into Lobby. An investigation of lobby activity in Jefferson City on behalf of the St. Louis police salary increase bill and the discovery that a slush fund was being raised by the police to be paid to persons yet unknown has been undertaken by the Cole county grand jury which is now in session. Judge Slate told an inquirer that he should wait and see the results.

Officers Take Tests. Officers of the Fourth Missouri regiment are at the capital undergoing examinations to ascertain their qualifications for the positions to which they were elected by their companies. The examinations are being conducted by Maj. James J. Reiger of the Fourth United States infantry, Maj. Wesley Halliburton of the Second U. S. infantry and Maj. A. Lineweiler of Adj. Gen. Donnelly's staff.

May Organize New Regiment. Owing to the disinclination of the war department to allow the formation of additional state troops, the authorities in this state may forego the public demand for the organization of another regiment, but it is considered hardly likely.

Bank Offers Money. The governor's office has made public a copy of an advertisement posted by the Hamilton Banking Company of Huntsville, in response to the governor's appeal for agricultural cooperation, in which the bank offers to loan money to any farmer without security for the purpose of buying seed for this year's crop.

A letter from the president of the institution says the bank will probably lose a little money on such loans but is willing to make the sacrifice for increased crop production.

Boys to Help on Farms. State Superintendent of Schools U. W. Larkin has issued a circular to all first, second and third class high schools in the state suggesting to the principals that boys more than 14 years old be excused from further attendance on the schools at once on condition that they go to work on farms.

This ruling would apply to boys living in the country and those living in towns who could get employment on nearby farms for the coming summer season.

BRITISH RESCUE INJURED CAPTIVES

U-BOAT SINKS TWO HOSPITAL SHIPS AND MANY ON BOARD PERISH.

GERMANS SHELL SUPPLY BASE

British Sailors Prove Valor by Heroic Efforts to Save Enemy—French Report Gains on Rheims Battle Front.

London, England.—The British hospital ships Donegal and Lanfranc with many wounded aboard have been torpedoed without warning. Of those on the Donegal 29 wounded men and 12 of the crew are missing. The Lanfranc carried German wounded as well as British. Of those aboard 19 British and 15 Germans are believed to have perished.

The secretary of the admiralty issued the following statement: "On the evening of April 17 the steamships Donegal and Lanfranc, while transporting wounded to British ports, were torpedoed without warning. The Donegal carried slightly wounded cases—all British. Of these, 29 men, as well as 12 of the crew, are missing and are presumed to have been drowned. Two wounded British officers, 11 wounded British other ranks, one royal army medical corps staff, five of the crew, five wounded German officers and 19 wounded German other ranks.

"One hundred and fifty-two wounded German prisoners were rescued by British patrol vessels at the imminent risk of being themselves torpedoed."

Calais, France.—A squad of German torpedo boat destroyers fired 100 shells in the region of Calais. Some civilians were killed. Twelve persons were slightly wounded.

Paris, France.—French infantry forces again pushed forward in the region of Nancy and Joux on the St. Quentin-Reims battle front, says the official statement issued by the French war department. Further east there was hand grenade fighting in the sector of Hurberville.

German airplanes dropped several bombs in the region of Dunkirk, slightly wounding three persons.

PASTOR KILLS TWO AND SELF

New York, N. Y.—Because his wife and mother-in-law persisted in upholding the Kaiser while he stood up for America, in a war argument that lasted all night, Rev. Robert F. Berry, pastor of the Congregational church in the Bronx Manor section of Yonkers, shot and killed both women. He wounded his sister-in-law, who escaped by feigning death, and then turned the revolver on himself, ending his life with a bullet in the brain.

The clergyman left a note bearing only two words, "insane Prussians." The note and revolver were found beside his body.

State Charity Delegated. Springfield, Ill.—Names of 21 delegates to represent Illinois at the national conference of charities and corrections to be held at Pittsburgh on June 6 to 13, have been given out by Governor Lowden. Among them are: Rev. W. W. McGuire, Kankakee; Dr. Sidney D. Wilgus, Rockford; Fred Kern, Belleville; Mrs. J. J. Handelman, Cairo; Miss Elizabeth Jack, Peoria; Miss Jessie Spafford, Rockford; Mrs. Julius Hageler, Danville; Dr. H. Douglas Singer, Kankakee, and E. C. Hayes, Urbana.

One Diamond Worth \$8,625. Orofold, South Africa.—R. J. Craig, a digger in a mine here has brought up a diamond that weighed above 100 karats and was worth upwards of \$8,625.

Barber Burns to Death. Richmond, Cal.—While in the throes of delirium tremens Charles H. Cooke, a barber, set fire to himself in a cell in the county jail and was so badly burned that he will die.

Three Die in Crash. Marshall, Mo.—Milton Deal, a farmer near Miami, his wife and married daughter were killed when their auto was hit by a train at a crossing near here.

Plan Recall for Sherwood. Toledo, O.—Toledo politicians are all astray over the proposed recall of Congressman Isaac R. Sherwood of this district, over his failure to stand by the president in his demand for war legislation.

Nebraska Suffrage Bill Passes. Lincoln, Neb.—The woman's suffrage bill has passed both houses of the legislature, and now only awaits the signature of the governor. They may now vote for president, congressmen and a few state officers.

Woman to Instruct Aviators. New York.—Mrs. Waldo Pierce will give a course of instruction to 100 army men who intend to become aviators. The class will be at Fort Washington, L. I., and will be from the Curtis hangars.

Highways Get \$3,000. Philadelphia, Pa.—Within 100 feet of a police station two men attacked and robbed John Fenner, 72, paymaster for the N. Shenelberg Company of about \$3,000. He was on his way to pay off the men.

HAPPENINGS of the week IN MISSOURI

County Superintendent C. W. McCroskey has advised teachers of all rural schools in Greene county to permit boys to take their examinations at once that they may be available for spring farm work.

Harry Harris, a laborer, was fined \$10 and costs and sentenced to serve thirty days in the Jasper county jail recently upon being found guilty in a justice court of a charge of insulting the American flag.

C. H. Wortz, head of a company owning and operating biscuit plants in St. Joseph and Fort Smith, Ark., has tendered the government the entire use of both of them for any purpose it desires.

Fifty members of the Central Missouri Fox Hunters' Club met in Sedalia and decided to hold their annual meeting at Arrow Rock, Saline county, beginning Monday, May 23, and continuing the entire week.

Fifty-six sticks of dynamite were found recently near a Wabash railroad bridge at the east entrance of Forest Park, in St. Louis. The police made the matter public.

Charles W. Tuck, a Missouri Pacific engineer, who was stricken with paralysis last January is dead in Sedalia. He was 45 years old. His wife and two children survive him.

Mrs. James T. Walker, 84 years old, one of the oldest residents of Greene County, is dead. She had been married sixty-three years. Her husband, who still survives, was deputy revenue collector for many years.

The University of Missouri has arranged with Maj. Charles Castle and Capt. J. C. King, United States army officers stationed here, to give military instruction to all upper classmen as well as the first-year men.

Mrs. Mary Warren, whose husband, Andrew L. Warren, disappeared suddenly three weeks ago, after an absence of ten years and only a few days after an order of the circuit court had declared him to be legally dead, has been ordered to restore to the Order of Railway Conductors the insurance she collected on her husband's life. Mrs. Warren's counsel, who got one-half the judgment as attorneys' fees, were made defendants in the order made by Judge Arch Johnson in the circuit court at Springfield.

Mrs. James B. Mockbee, supervisor of city gardening, reports more than five hundred vacant lots given and assigned for vegetable raising in the city. There is a demand for every available unoccupied foot of ground in Sedalia.

A patriotic demonstration was held at Poplar Bluff recently in which six thousand clerks, business men, factory employes, school children, farmers and residents joined. Practically every factory and business house closed for two hours.

Because of the war and delay in getting the materials from the Orient for the "made in Japan" banquet, journalism week at the University of Missouri has been postponed one week. It will be held May 14 to 18.

The Sedalia Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee to raise \$20,000 to stock the farms of Pettis county with pure blooded Holstein cows, in the interest of more milk and cream for the home supply.

F. E. Lewis, who owns 120 acres of land in Howell county, offers to donate free all or part of the land to the government to be used for any purpose whatever. Or, it is available to responsible persons who agree to employ the land continuously in the production of foodstuffs. The offer is for the period of the war.

George E. Heckmann, state auditor, today was acquitted of the charge of fraud in office, based on alleged deeds while he was county clerk of Warren county.

As a westbound Chicago & Alton train was passing through the western part of Marshall someone threw a stone through a window into a passenger coach. The stone struck a woman on the arm, inflicting slight injuries.

John Taubman, 70 years old, is dead at his home in Lexington. Mr. Taubman had been a resident of that city for many years. He was city marshal, city register and treasurer, mayor, alderman several times and county treasurer one term.

Twenty-five members of the Associated Retail Dealers of St. Louis, which organization includes all large department and jewelry stores, announced yesterday that any unemployed employee who enlisted in any military service of the United States would receive half pay during enlistment, and if married, full pay.

The Lexington flour mill and elevator was destroyed by fire recently with a loss of \$150,000. The mill was of five hundred barrels capacity. It will be rebuilt.

A plan by which all Missouri farm boys would be allowed to quit school at once and be given credit for the full winter term, has been placed before the state superintendent of schools by W. L. Nelson, assistant secretary of the state board of agriculture.

Charles W. Fear, of Joplin, president, has called a conference of all members of A. H. T. A. lodge of Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri to meet in Asbury, Mo., Friday, April 27.